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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2013

Mr. AMODEI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Restoring Storey
5 County Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The Federal Government owns real property
2 in Storey County in the State of Nevada.

3 (2) While the real property described in para-
4 graph (1) is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary,
5 some of the real property has been occupied for dec-
6 ades by individuals—

7 (A) who took possession by purchase or
8 other documented and putatively legal trans-
9 actions; and

10 (B) the continued occupation by whom
11 constitutes a trespass on the title held by the
12 Federal Government.

13 (3) As a result of the confused and conflicting
14 ownership claims, the real property described in
15 paragraph (1)—

16 (A) is difficult to manage under multiple
17 use policies; and

18 (B) creates a continuing source of friction
19 and unease between the Federal Government
20 and local residents.

21 (4) All of the real property described in para-
22 graph (1) is appropriate for disposal for the purpose
23 of promoting administrative efficiency and effective-
24 ness.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions
3 apply:

4 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means
5 Storey County, Nevada.

6 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
7 means the approximately 1,745 acres of Federal
8 land identified on the map as “BLM Owned - Coun-
9 ty Request Transfer”.

10 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map ti-
11 tled “Restoring Storey County Act” and dated July
12 24, 2012.

13 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-
15 reau of Land Management.

16 **SEC. 4. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND IN STOREY COUN-**
17 **TY, NEVADA.**

18 (a) CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND IN VIRGINIA
19 CITY.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County,
21 by quitclaim deed, all surface rights of the United States
22 in and to the Federal land, including any improvements
23 thereon. All costs associated with the conveyance under
24 this section shall be the responsibility of the Bureau of
25 Land Management.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LAWS.—No convey-
2 ance or combination of conveyances made under this sec-
3 tion shall be considered a major Federal action for pur-
4 poses of section 102(2) of the National Environmental
5 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)) and the National
6 Historic Preservation Act shall not apply to any convey-
7 ance made under this section or to the real property, in-
8 cluding improvements thereon, so conveyed.

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